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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

Applicants thank Examiner Natnael for the indication of allowable matter in claims 26 and 28 and allowed matter in claims 1-4, 6-9, 21 and 22. It is Applicants' understanding that (i) previously allowable claim 24 is still allowable and (ii) claim 12 is now allowable as neither claim was rejected in the current Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 11, 13, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fimoff et al. '558 (hereafter Fimoff) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 26, and intermediate claim 25, have been incorporated into claim 11. The allowable matter of claim 28, and intermediate claim 27, have been incorporated into claim 16. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 14 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fimoff '558 in view of Yi '428 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 14 and 19 depend from independent claims 11 and 16, which are now believed to be allowable. As such, claims 14 and 19 are fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

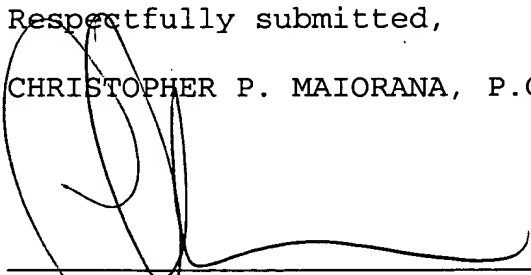
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,

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